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WORK BEGINS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE

By Dave Logan

After almost 10 years, innumerable meetings and briefs, talk and more talk, the ground has been broken and construction of the Jane-Driftwood Community Centre is now under-way. Those of you who are new to the Jane-north area may wonder what all the excitement is about but the long-time residents will realize that this is the culmination of a decade of planning, and frustration. About three years ago a Steering Committee of community representatives was established to help prepare plan for the Centre.

This Steering Committee consists of Dave Logan from York Condominium; Marjorie Gresham from Black Creek Venture Group; Gaetano Fracassi from St. Augustine; Pat O'Neill from Edgeley Tenants Association; Martin Kerman from University Village Rate Payers; Mary Trivett from Edgeley Senior Citizens; Sandy Ricciutto from A. F. Juvitalia Limosano; Margaret Tottier from Jane-Milo; Don Taylor from Yorktown Estates and Judy Cooper from Parks and Recreation as their representative.

A brief outlining these plans was submitted to North York and was accepted. Now after a further planning period to obtain funds, appoint an architect and prepare blueprints for the centre, everything is go, and construction is proceeding under control of North York Parks and Recreation.

The Centre is being built on the south-east corner of Jane and Driftwood. (You've probably seen the hoarding that just went up on the site.) This is a treed lot and some people worried that all the trees might be cut down. This is not so. Only those trees blocking construction will be removed, and after the construction is finished, more trees will be planted so that there will be as many or more trees after construction as there are now. Thus instead of a building on a vacant field we will have a centre on a beautifully wooded site. It's a big centre and will have a wide range of possible uses. The main features include a large double gym for sports, movies, and dances. We hope that this will be the focus of evening and weekend activities for many of the young people in our area. There are



Don't worry — not all the trees are going!

Photo by I.T. Agency

several multi-purpose rooms that can be used for games, crafts, meetings, small group activities or whatever your imagination suggests. Senior Citizens will find a lounge for their use and the centre has a small kitchen where modest food preparation can occur (but not enormous banquets). Finally, but for many

people most importantly, there will be an outdoor swimming pool. The original plans called for a wading pool but so many people wanted a larger facility that a full size pool is included. The cost of enclosing it is too great an initial expense, so to begin with at least, it will be open. Unfortunately it can't be

ready for the summer of '76 but next year -- everyone in!!

During the next few months we will be telling you more about construction progress and future plans. At this time we expect to open by Christmas and are planning the best ever community celebration for the opening! Plan now to be there.

Westview Plays to Win

By Bill Waicus

York University has been selected this year as the site for the 4th Annual Canadian Stage Band Festival, and hopes are riding high that Westview Centennial Secondary School will place well.

From over 150 junior and high school bands all across Canada the very best will arrive here to compete in the national finals May 24, 25 and 26. The event will be televised on the CTV network for broadcast in the fall, and will feature public concerts and entertainment by "professional" groups including the Boss Brass and Halifax City Jazz Band.

The Canadian Stage Band Festival, a registered non-profit corporation, has set out for it stringent entry regulations which all hopefuls must follow. Each band (comprising between eleven and twenty-nine musicians) must first enter one or more of the twelve regional "festivals" held in centres from Halifax and Montreal through to Edmonton and Vancouver. Local adjudicators select first and runner-up winners in each of three categories, they then are



Westview band in action.

Photo by Bill Waicus

invited to the finals in Toronto.

Behind the Canadian Stage Band Festival itself are organizers Bob Richmond (CSBF President), Paul Miner (CSBF Secretary and Music Director at Westview), and Gary Wadsworth (ward 3 resident and Vice-President for the festival).

"We felt the festival could act as a catalyst, as a way of showing off ourselves to ourselves," said Gary Wadsworth in describing the trio's motivation for founding and co-ordinating the festival.

"For an essentially entertainment starved public," he continued, "the festival provides three days of high calibre, top-notch music. And for the players themselves it's a few days of easy listening, tough performing and the camaraderie of kids just like themselves from across Canada."

A composer-arranger himself, Mr. Wadsworth recalls back fifteen years when he and Paul Miner teamed up to "... travel with road bands on one night stands throughout the States. To

Jane-Finch Fight Goes On Public Meeting May 5

A study session made up of concerned residents of Ward 3 was held on April 24th to look at the Klein and Sears report and discuss alternatives to the proposed development at the North-West corner of Jane St. and Finch Ave. Recommendations from this workshop will be presented for discussion at a public meeting to be held at the Yorkwoods Public Library on Wednesday, May 5th at 8:00 p.m. It is felt that this community could better

fight the proposed 6 high-rise towers by presenting a unified plan of attack.

The public meeting of May 5th will be in preparation for the first official public hearing to be held by the North York Planning Board later in May. This hearing will consider the application of the DWAC Urban Planning Group to have the District 10 Plan amended to a lower density for the North-West corner of Jane and Finch.

today's new crop of musicians the festival provides just as exciting a vehicle to show off what you've done."

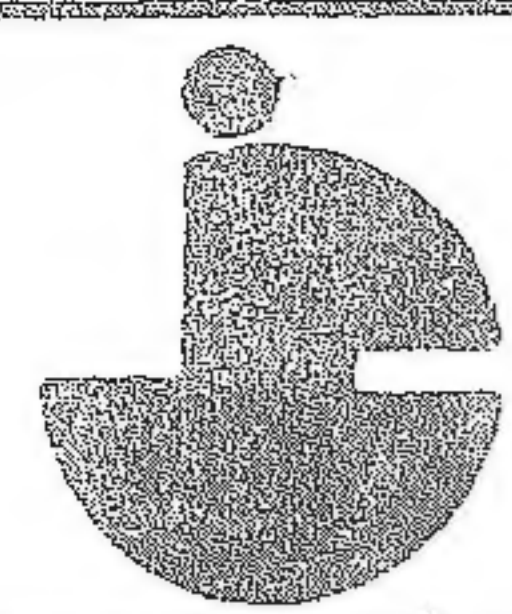
Paul Miner, Music Director at Westview since 1969, continues to play professionally when not involved in rehearsals and music classes, "so I'll know what's happening musically."

The Westview "concert" band has, since its formation in 1967, travelled some 30,000 miles, performed well over 100 public concerts to an estimated 45,000 people from Victoria, B.C. to Salzburg, Austria. It has grown in nine

years from 30 to over 200 wind, string and choral members ranging from 15 to 20 years of age.

Al Jenkins, current co-ordinator of the volunteer Band Supporters Club estimates over \$100,000 has been raised to finance concert tours of the east and west coasts, New York, Britain, Scotland and central Europe.

The 18 member Westview Stage Band puts it all together May 1 at Humber College's Rexdale campus in the first of two CSBF "regional festivals". We wish them all the best!



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From Your Editor

It seems I'm often asking for something. Well, this month it's money. (Is that too blunt?) As many of you know, the Jane Corridor has been funded, since November 10, 1975, by a L.I.P. grant. This has enabled us to publish our paper monthly. However, our grant ends in the beginning of June and we have not yet achieved our objective of becoming self-supporting. We can't do this alone.

Because of our grant, we have been able to hire advertising staff who have done a really marvelous job of selling advertising to our local businesses. Unfortunately, the money brought in this way cannot completely pay all of our printing and salary expenses. We could increase the amount of advertising in our paper, but who would want to read a paper that was nothing but ads?

So we turn to you. Many of you have told us that you look forward to reading the Jane Corridor each month -- that

you feel this newspaper serves a real function in our community. **Show your support!** Help us to continue to bring you this newspaper by sending in your donations -- any amount would be appreciated. You can send your contributions to the Jane Corridor, P.O. Box 2331, Station C, Downsview, and your names will be acknowledged in a special column in the Jane Corridor.

Thank you, in advance, from all of the staff at the Jane Corridor and from all of your neighbours as well. P.S. Don't forget -- we would also like news contributions. Remember to send us letters and articles. Help us to help keep you informed!

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REMINDER: It is essential for all of us to help in the fight to save the North-West corner of Jane and Finch. People Count! Come to the meeting on May 5th and add your support. We can do it if we work together!

Mothers and Preschoolers

By Kathy Parsons

The 415 Driftwood Mothers and Preschoolers group, which meets Monday and Wednesday mornings, with Kathy Parsons and Pat Leggett as leaders, started in November 1975. Different programs have been arranged for each session. Metro Social Services has given instruction on low cost cooking; North York Library provided an arts and crafts program; and we have had special guest speakers.

Free babysitting is provided, giving the mothers the opportunity to attend programs. Financial assistance was provided by North York Parks and Recreation Department to aid us in starting the program and the Ontario Housing Corporation provided the facilities.

We invite all the women of the Edgeley Community to come and participate in the programs.

The members of the group are holding their second fund raising event by having a Bake Sale and Tea on May 15, 1976 at 415 Driftwood Avenue from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Programs planned for the future are macrame, a trip to Pioneer Village, making a swag lamp, etc. The proceeds from the Bake Sale go towards helping support the group next September, so that we may operate on a self-sufficient basis.

Come to the Bake Sale and speak to the women involved.

If you require further information about the group or the Bake Sale, call Kathy Parsons: 630-0472.

Readers Forum

Dear Editor,

The Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre is another example of the misrepresentation and irresponsible actions of our present Alderman on the residents of the community.

The community has been deceived with this so-called community centre, because it cannot and will not meet the needs of the people. The centre cannot be used for any indoor recreation activities, community office space or other important functions that the name and reasons for purchasing it imply. Yes, the community does need a recreation centre, but not the type that was purchased at an unreasonable price, for what it can be used for. The only group that benefited from the sale of the building was Revenue Properties who received over \$100,000 of our tax money for this building, that even now sits empty about 95% of the time.

Someone should straighten out our present Alderman's thinking and priorities. If she strongly felt that recreational facilities are badly needed in this area, then wouldn't it have been wiser, more economical in the long run, and more beneficial to the community, to have had the Borough of North York buy land between NorFinch Drive and York Gate Blvd., along Finch Ave., where a developer now wants to erect six apartments. If this type of proposal had been brought forward and acted upon by

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Dear Editor:

To my dismay, a collection of young people on trail bikes are claiming the Black Creek Ravine area north of Finch as their territory. It is especially dismaying because of the contrast between the peace and tranquility of the ravine in their absence, and the roar that accompanies the destruction of paths and underbrush in their presence. The Conservation Authority prohibits the use of motorized vehicles in the ravine.

What can we do to prevent the needless abuse of our parkland? (1) Parents whose offspring are supplied with such vehicles can inform their children that the ravine is not the place to try out the trail bikes; (2) People enjoying the ravine can inform any trail bikers that their vehicles are neither welcome nor allowed; and (3) because this may be occurring as a result of ignorance of the regulations, the Conservation Authority should post some signs at access points to the ravine that clearly state the prohibition of motorized vehicles.

The presence of trail bikes represents a small backward slide in our attempts to preserve the little natural land left to us. We can prevent further decay by our vigilance and concern, and by our willingness to act to stop the destruction.

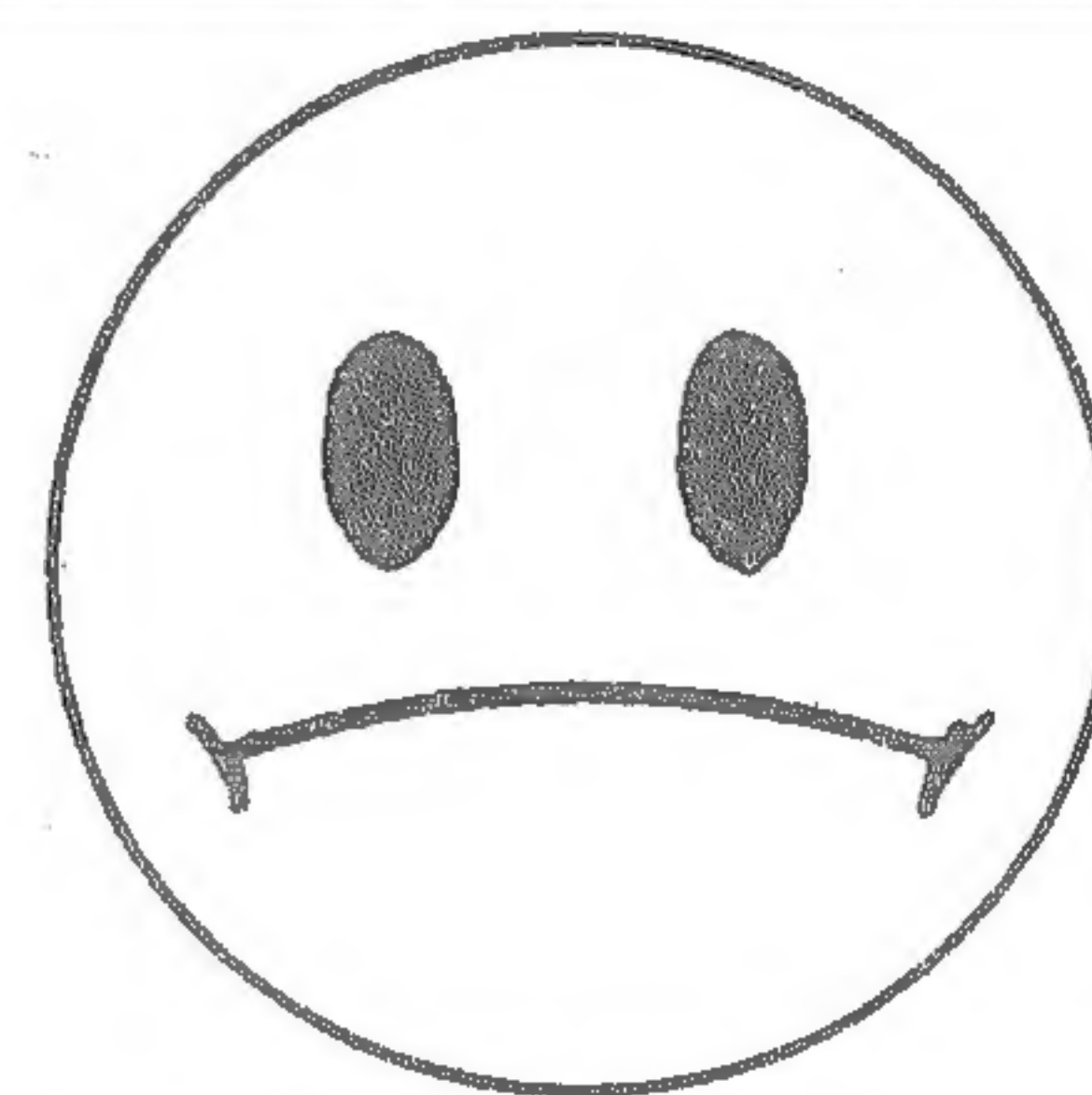
Sincerely,
Martin J. Steinbach
Tobermory Drive

Alderman Hayhurst, then three very important accomplishments would have been achieved.

The first would have been the badly needed recreation centre for the community. The second would have been that by putting a recreation centre, a Separate school and also a Separate High school on that land, would have made the developers plan unfeasible. The third reason is that the community, now wouldn't be fighting to stop the developer from getting his land rezoned so that he can build his apartments. This is a battle that was forced on the community by the reduction ad absurdum on the part of the present Alderman.

It's about time that we started to face the facts. The facts are that the Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre was the wrong purchase, that the developer will get what he wants, and that if Alderman Hayhurst were doing her job, the problems that are facing our community today wouldn't exist.

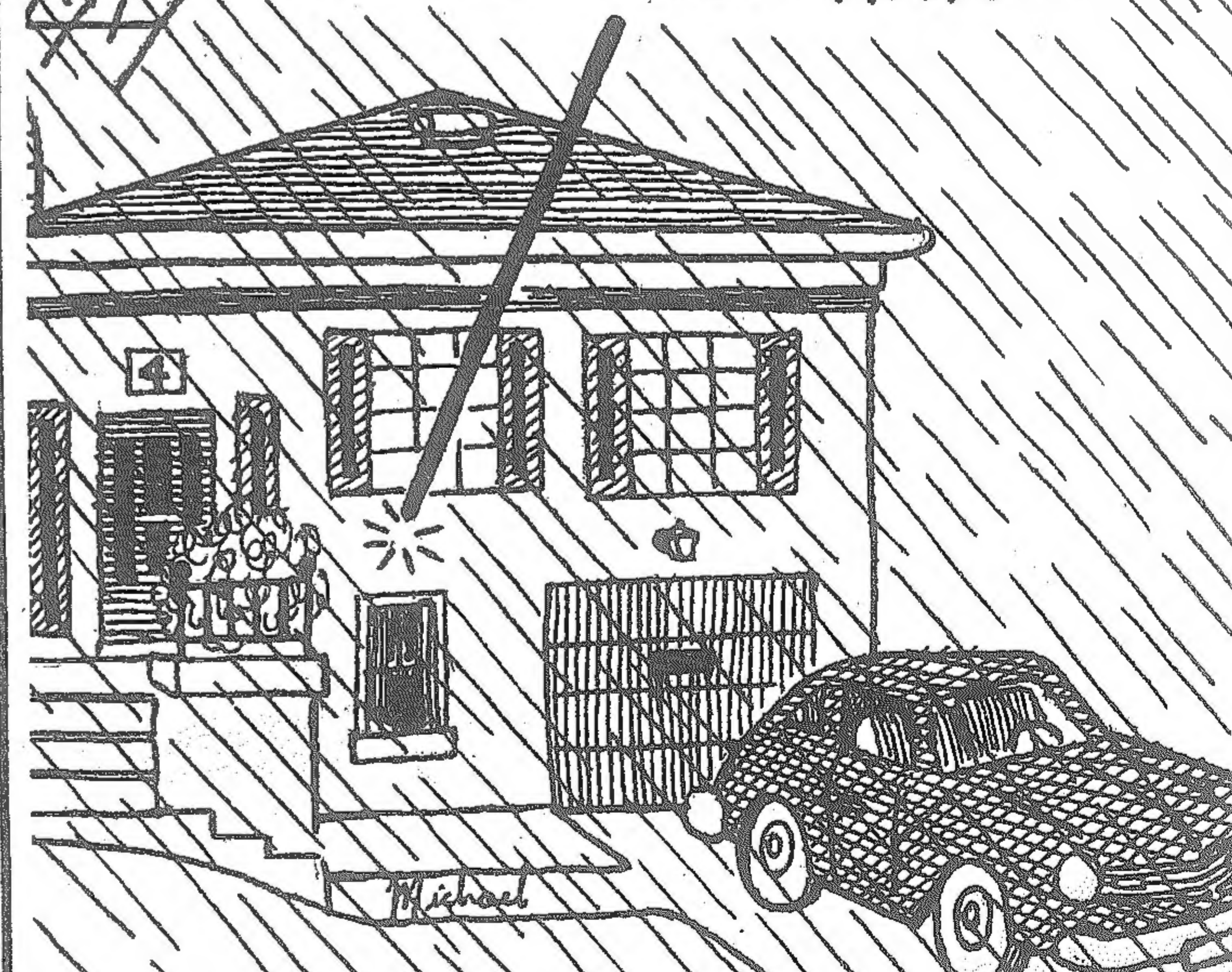
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The Schools As Social Agencies



Dave Logan
Trustee Ward 3

"Come and get my kid, I can't look after her" was a recent call to a Ward 3 school. It reflects a fundamental change in many peoples' attitudes about schools. Are they educational institutions or social agencies? What parental responsibilities should a school assume?

Early in the 19th century, before universal public education, a family was responsible for its members' social development. Children spent much more time with their parents and under their parents' direct guidance. Even in the early and mid-twentieth century, schools were essentially places to teach and learn. In the last twenty years, however, more and more social responsibility has been shifted to our schools. As a result some schools are so swamped with social problems that they can hardly maintain the current educational program let alone improve it. Let's look at some of these problems.

Nutrition and Health

Children with inadequate sleep and no breakfast don't learn as well as healthy, rested children. Yet every day such children arrive at school. Schools here and elsewhere have begun breakfast and milk programs to help these children who will be lifetime

losers if they can't learn. Should this be a school responsibility? Surely the health and well-being of a child is his family's responsibility.

Legal Problems

Young people in trouble with the law not only for delinquency but for other reasons often turn to their school staff or school board officials for help. Where we can, we help, but this takes time and effort. As a result the student who is not in trouble gets less time and help with his education. Again, should the schools be expected to provide this service?

Discipline and Morals

Although a teacher is rarely with a student, even directly, for more than 20 or 25 hours a week, he or she is expected to establish classroom discipline, teach self-discipline, and give moral guidance to each student. Let's put things in perspective. Children spend the majority of their waking hours away from the school, with friends or their family. During this time they learn what their society expects in terms of discipline and morality. The school can reinforce attitudes developed elsewhere but we cannot singlehandedly change those attitudes. Discipline can't be turned on at 9 and off at 3:30. If any community establishes and enforces acceptable standards of behaviour the schools will not only support these standards but will be able to spend less time on discipline and more on teaching.

Custodial Role of the School

Increasingly some people expect schools to look after their children at all ages and times. Schools are asked for Day Care, weekend programs, evening programs and summer programs. These

programs may be partially educational but are usually designed primarily to care for children when their parents can't or don't want to. Not only are such programs very expensive, but again we should ask: "How much is society in general responsible for the care and raising of a child and how much is the family responsible?"

These are only a few areas in which increased social responsibilities have been thrust on the schools and teachers. Some would suggest that this is not bad and most of us agree that society in general should help those less fortunate members who need such help. However, we must remember that the schools are for learning, and increased social responsibilities take time and effort and thereby deprive the educational program.

Each year we ask more and more of our school staffs and they respond to the limits of their time and ability. However, we must always balance social needs against educational needs. Those needs are often connected and cannot be completely separated. If we could reduce some of the non-educational problems in our schools, I am sure we would all be delighted at the educational program which our teachers could then provide.

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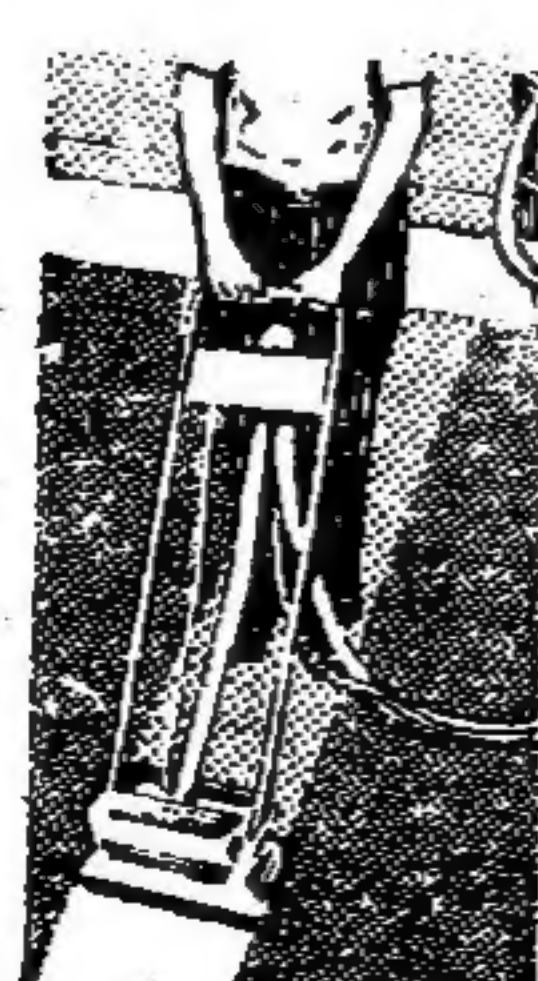
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Entertainment

By Don Bruce

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Once again may I recommend those parents with young children to make the most of the entertainment opportunities offered by the Yorkwoods Library. For full information, please call 630-9585. Last month this columnist reported on the performance of "The Music Man" by Jane Junior High School. A photograph, which was too late to accompany the column, is included in this issue. Those featured are, from left to right: Mary Jane Doyle, Billy MacMullen, Kelly Robertson, Tom Jackman, Susan Gemmell, Ted Swift, Donald Reeds, Shaun Bradley, Neddie Vincent and Lindsay Maybrey.

Fulvio Marchi informs me that the Italian Art Theatre will present a drama in 4 acts entitled "La Morte Civile" at the Yorkwoods Library Theatre, on Saturdays May 1st and 8th at 8.00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Previous productions by this company have been well done and this will no doubt be well worth turning out to see.

For those who would like to find out what entertainment is being offered at Burton Auditorium, York University, do not forget to call 667-3330 for information.

Wishing Good Entertainment to all.
Be back next month.



Scene from Jane Junior High's "The Music Man"

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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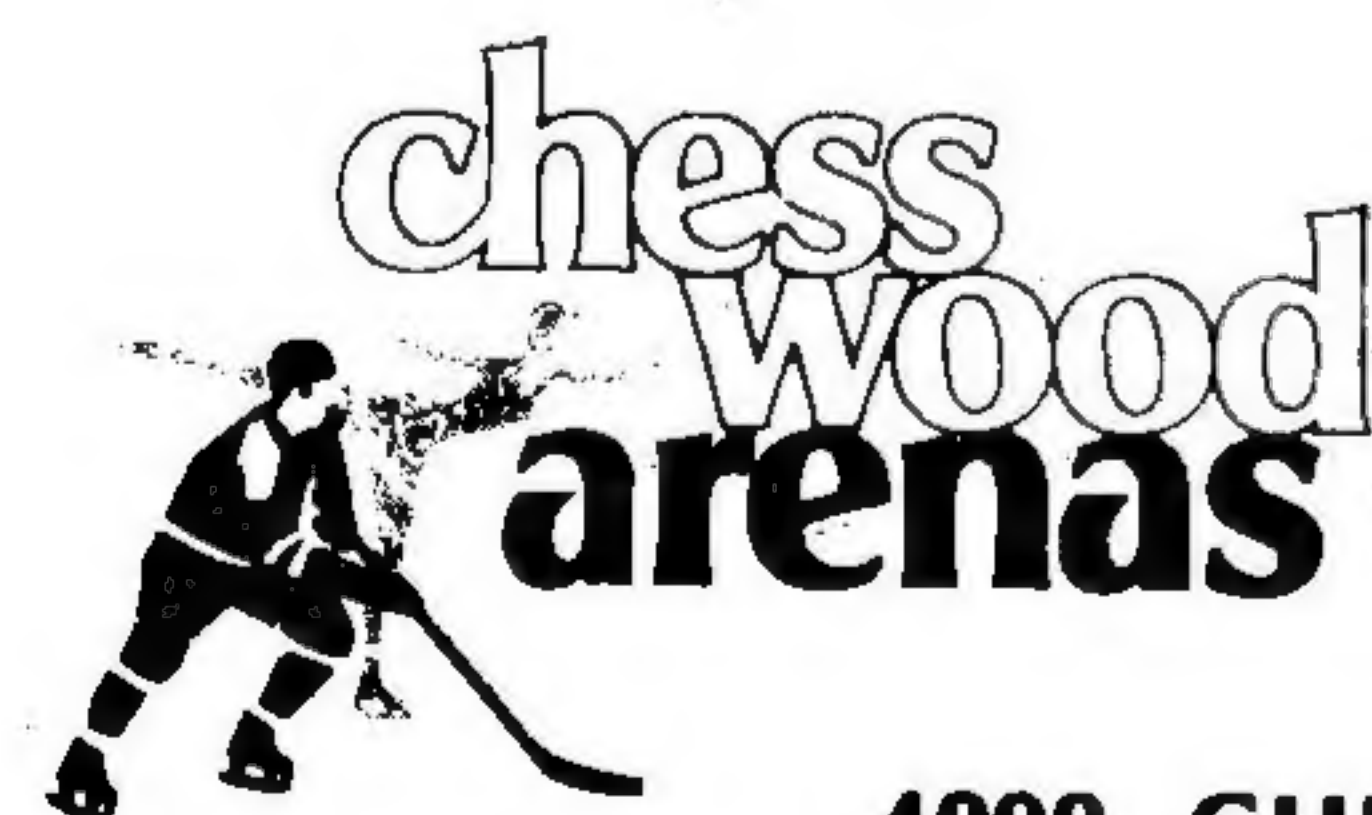
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Help these students blow their own horns!

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Westview Music Supporters

By Lois Favro

The W.M.S.A. was first formed by a small group of interested parents in 1967 to assist the music students and teachers of Westview Centennial Secondary School in many of their out of school endeavours and to aid them in buying uniforms. One of the first fund raising ventures was to help finance the Band on a tour of the Maritime Provinces of Canada. As a result of the outstanding success of this tour and the wide acclaim received, it was agreed the students should see more of the world.

The students and parents have sold tons of chocolate bars, raffle tickets, dance tickets and lottery tickets and have worked very hard at the annual Jamboree each year to raise funds so their children and friends could make these trips possible: Maritime Tour '67, United Kingdom Tour '70, European Tour '73 and our Western Canada Tour '75.

We are pleased with the results of the Kiwanis Awards this year. Our students were awarded two firsts, four seconds and one third.

Firsts in
Chamber Music
High School Stage Band
Seconds in
Girls Choir

Full Choir
The Orchestra
The Open Stage Band
Thirds in
The Junior Band

On April 29th, 1976, we shall be holding MONTE CARLO NIGHT in Westview's School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. -- everyone is welcome. This is put on by the Music Council and students to raise funds for their next trip.

If you have never seen the Westview Music Students perform, you will be able to see and hear them MUSIC NIGHT at Westview's Auditorium on May 26th, 1976 and if you miss them there, they will be performing at Ontario Place on the evening of June 11th, 1976.

Because we seem to have such talented students and talented teachers, we need the parents of these music students to get behind them in their fund raising events. Our present executive consists mainly of parents who no longer have any music students in W.C.S.S. If the Club is to continue helping those talented students, parents must get involved with this Club now. The present executive is retiring but we do not wish to see the Club cease to exist, so if you can help, please call now at 636-1630. We need you!

Fashion Show

A spring fashion show was presented by the Girl Guides of the 481 and 666 Companies at Jane Junior High School on April 6. Fifty-five girls modeled attractive outfits which they had made with help from their parents. Monica Altoff showed the girls how to model and

present their garments. An impressive dance and gymnastic routine was performed by Shaun Bradley, Sheri O'Neill, Debbie Watts, and Linda West. Congratulations to the girls, their mothers, and Guide Leaders who made this a successful and enjoyable evening.

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Golden Agers Feted

By Stanley Pilcher

On Monday, April 5th, Saint Stephen's Anglican Church had the pleasure of entertaining over 50 senior citizens of the parish, most of whom live in Ward 3. As special guests we had seven younger members who are confined to wheel chairs. The Rector, Rev. J. Garland, opened with a prayer and then Ed Stairs put on his famous marionette show depicting the Easter Story. He was assisted by Julie Smith, Carolyn Korchuck and Theresa Korchuk who also later served tea and cookies. Little Frances Robertson sang two solos accompanied by Horace Abdale at the piano, after which Mrs. West and Mrs. Crossman won the two lucky draws.

During the evening, Rev. Garland presented Mr. & Mrs. West of Shoreham Drive with a certificate from the Ontario Government sent by Fred Young, MPP marking their 60 years of wedded bliss. We wish them many more of the same.

On behalf of all Senior Citizens present, I extend our thanks to the organizers, Dorothy Pilcher and Sheena Suttaby. Thanks for a job well done.

EDGELEY SOCCER

The Edgeley Soccer Club will be running four teams this year in the North York Minor Soccer Association. Games will be played at York University.

Age Groups

Minor Atom:
Boys 8 & 9 (born 1967-1968)
Minor Mosquito:
Boys 10 & 11 (born 1965-1966)
Minor Peewee:
Boys 12 & 13 (born 1963-1964)
Minor Bantam:
Boys 14 & 15 (born 1961-1962)

The chairman of the club is Rod Harte (tel. 638-4307) For further information call 636-2147.

Toddlers Play Area

By Wanda MacNevin

Are you tired of looking for your children while you shop? Are you tired of buying chocolate bars for your children while you shop? Are you tired of yelling "don't touch" to your children while you shop? If this sounds familiar, then leave your children at the Toddlers' Play Area.

The Toddlers' Play Area is located in the Jane-Finch Mall.

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Thursday 1:00 to 7:30
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The need for this project is evident. In order for it to keep operating we need your support. Come to the mall and leave your children with us!!!

Pat On The Back



There is a woman in this community who has dedicated herself to making this a better place in which to live. Her name is Helen Ede and those of us who have been involved in community activities know of her tireless efforts on our behalf.

Helen is the one person you can always count on for facts and figures. She has devoted much of her time and efforts in statistical research for this community. The outcome of this research is the D.W.A.C. Statistics Blue Book. Funded by an O.F.Y. grant, it was researched and compiled by two students over the summer of 1975. This book covers District 10 and is available free to community groups and for a small price to individuals.

In addition to this, Helen has been instrumental in organizing a series of Community Open Hearings which have taken place during the

past several weeks. Much information has been compiled from these hearings voiced by many angered and frustrated residents. Ammunition has been stored to make sound recommendations when District 10 Plan comes up for review in the Fall.

Another one of Helen's projects has been in the making for months now: The Jane-Finch Community Family Storefront. This resource centre would be of great benefit to the community and Helen has given much precious time and energy so that this dream can become a reality. The list of Helen's commitments to community work is endless: DWAC, DWIP, Urban Planning, to name just a few. Besides this she manages to devote some of her time to nursing as well as keeping her family fit and happy.

To Helen Ede goes a well deserved pat on the back from everyone in Ward 3 and a sincere thank you for all of the work she has done.

Please let the Jane Corridor know if there is someone in your neighbourhood who deserves a pat on the back.



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York Gets Track

By Bruce Kidd

Metro Council voted 16-12 to build a \$2.5 million track and field training facility at York University. The decision overrode Metro's own policy not to build athletic facilities on university property. If Metro can get Ontario Municipal Board approval to borrow the funds, construction will begin on a 400-metre tartan outdoor track this year. A fieldhouse containing a 200-metre indoor track will be built in 1977.

The vote culminated a two-year effort by track and field clubs to get a replacement for the CNE track removed by Metro's \$15 million renovation for American baseball. Ironically, the Central Region of the Ontario Track and Field Association has bitterly opposed the decision to locate at York.

"How can York boast about its community programs when it pushes through this vote against the wishes of the very people it's supposed to help," says Abby Hoffman. "We're not opposed to York getting new facilities, but we don't think that our needs, those of the general public, and the University's can be met simultaneously with the same facility."

Under the agreement with Metro, York gets exclusive

use of the facility 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays and occasional Saturdays. York had promised to raise funds from other sources to offset construction costs, but, so far, nothing has been found. The OTFA (CR) had urged Metro to build the facility on the G. Ross Lord Dam Site at Finch and Dufferin.

The Downsview Weston Action Community was not entirely pleased with the York decision. "We don't have strong views about where the facility should be built, but we don't want it at York until the University does something about traffic," said Pat O'Neill. "The University came to us in the fall, but when we didn't support their proposal, they just disappeared."

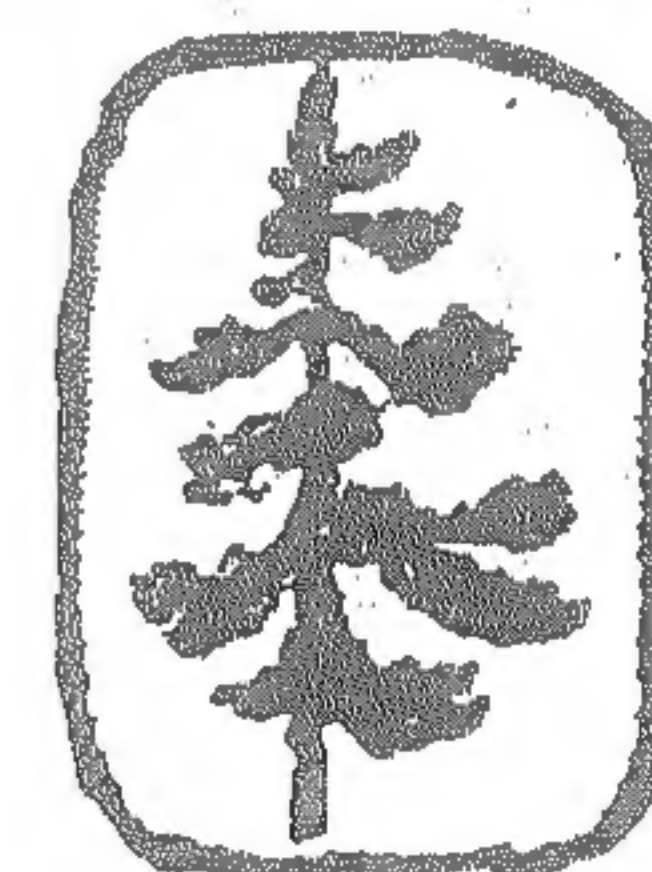
If the conflict over the facility dies out, it could be a real boon to runners and jumpers in Metro where a truly first-class facility is still just a dream. Last year the Region spent almost \$50,000 for special training at the tartan track in Sudbury. That money could be better spent on coaching and competitions here in Toronto.

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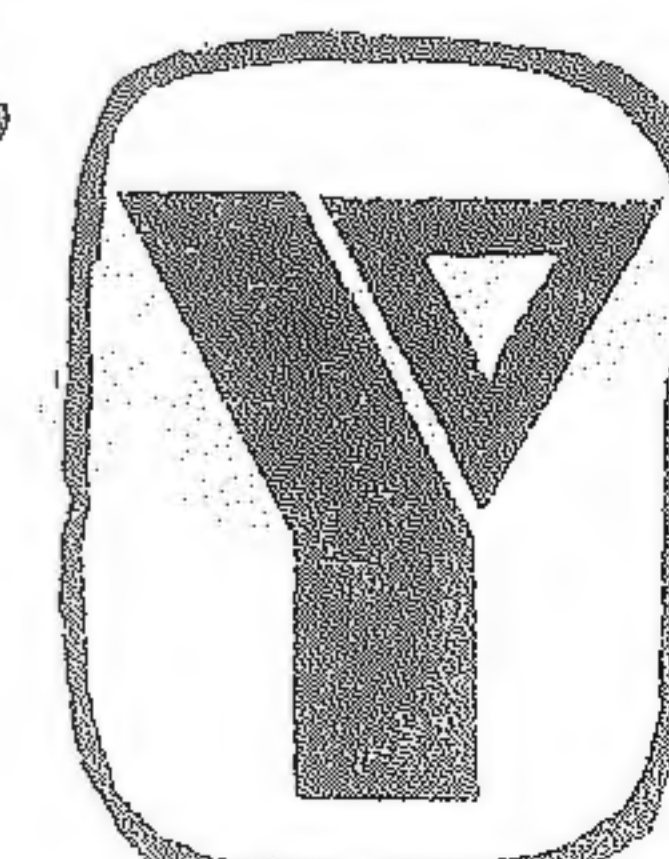
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Message From Your M.P.



Bob Kaplan

The following is an excerpt of a letter from Bob Kaplan to Mayor Mel Lastman and Council.

Dear Mayor and Council:

Mr. Beckett of the Borough tells me that it may be possible to arrange for my office to remain at Bathurst and Sheppard providing that certain procedures are gone through (which Mr. Beckett outlined). He tells me, however, that the location on the parking lot, though satisfactory to the shopping centre manager and excellent from the point of view of constituents, is apparently against the bylaw. I am, therefore, writing to suggest that there is something seriously wrong with your bylaws and the whole approach of the municipality of regulating and controlling the behaviour of the people you are supposed to serve. I am asking you to change the bylaw, not only for this valuable federal government service, but, in general to provide some relief from the oppressive and mindless burden of regulation being borne by your citizens.

I'm not in municipal politics but my impression is that, if Ottawa or Queen's Park ever dared to assert the kind of restraints, limitations and conditions that are normal and routine for North York officials, Canada would be a dictatorship. You interfere too much in the daily lives and free movement of people. You ought to stop.

Two members of your Council were themselves recently victimized by an incredible bylaw, which

prevented single women from sharing a house. So outrageous was the intrusion of that bylaw, that they were elected to Council because of it. I had hoped that with their popular platform of eliminating such bylaws that their mandate would have been followed up. It is disappointing to find that they were only worried about one bylaw and not the burden on everyone.

Consider the implication of your excessive legislation and the apparently whimsical basis of enforcement against families who run enterprises from their homes, like dressmaking, T.V. repair, and growing and selling vegetables and fruit. Such activities benefit the community, but they are illegal. More serious is the situation of the thousands of residents who hide second families in single family homes fearful of using municipal services to keep their presence from any snoop who might decide to blow the whistle.

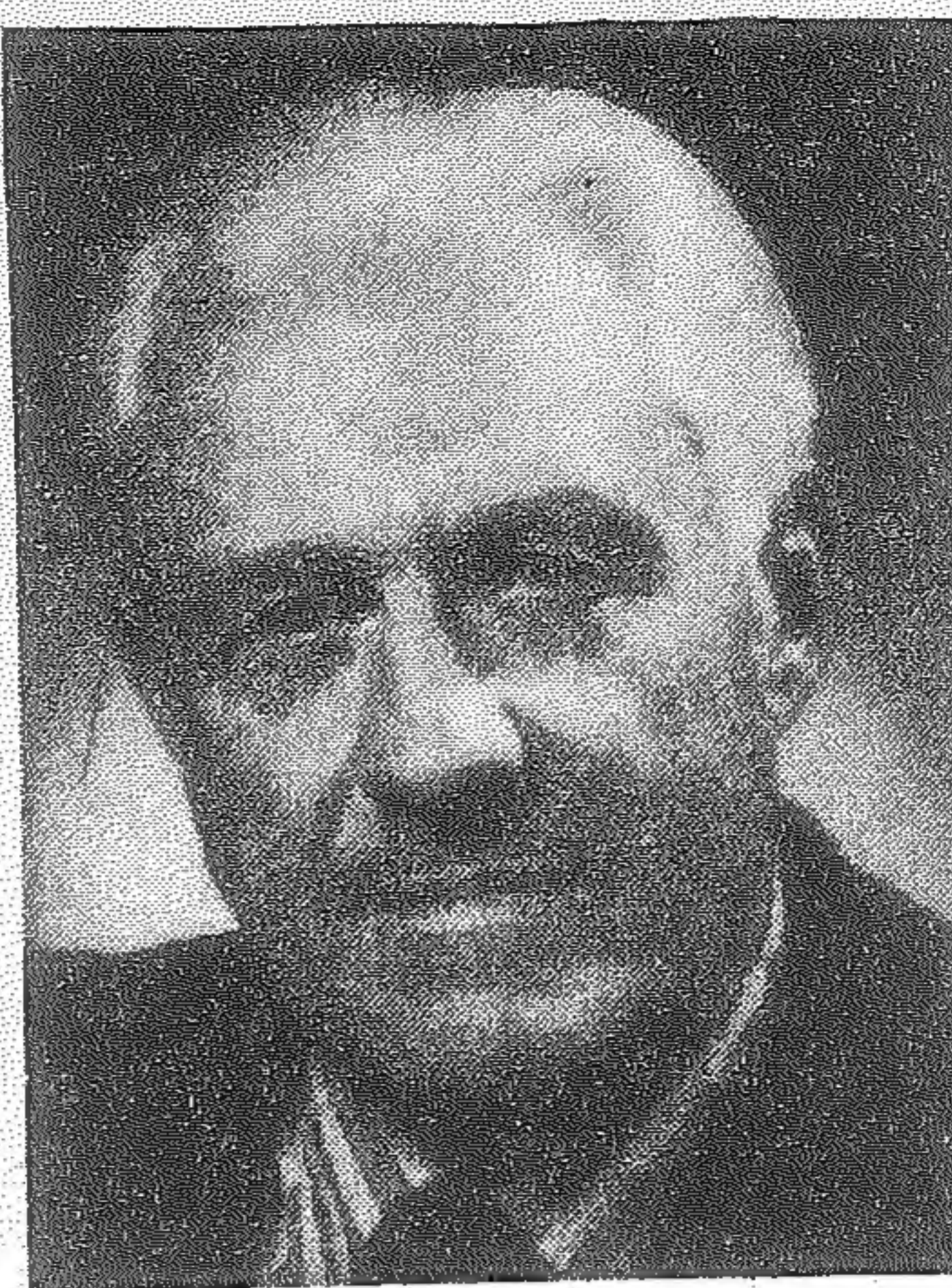
I understand that some alderman have suggested that I want to avoid the \$100 fee for a permit. The fee is outrageous considering that the procedure is just a municipal make-work project. Fees are an ingenious self-financing technique for concealing from the taxpayers the true extent of bureaucratic growth. In my own case, whatever fee may be applicable for the trailer is paid by the Federal Government.

The bureaucratic reply to a citizen's revolt is to say, "Oh, yes, but what if we followed his advice? Everyone else would then want to do the same thing." Let me turn that around. What would happen if everyone suddenly obeyed the bylaws as they are? Thousands of families would be in the streets, thousands of house additions would be removed, hundreds of business incomes would be lost. And who would benefit?

Please come up with some reasonable way which the MP for York Centre can be allowed to serve his constituents effectively.

Yours very truly,
Bob Kaplan, M.P.
York Centre

The Ontario Budget – 1976 Style



Fred Young,
M.P.P. Yorkview

If you smoke cigarettes you'll help pay an extra fifty million this year to the province. If you smoke cigars or pipes -- as the Provincial Premier and Treasurer do -- then you aren't affected. Your liquor will add fifty million to the Ontario income and twenty more millions will come from an added tax on your insurance premiums.

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family -- the highest in Canada. Six provinces pay medical care through consolidated revenue -- without premiums.

When you have to go to hospital now you'll be hit with an added \$11 a day for a semi-private and \$22 a day for a private room. That's over and above what O.H.I.P. pays. Small business will have its taxes lowered by thirty million, and more older and poorer people will have less health premiums to pay.

The tax exemption for production machinery which saved big business 200 million in 1975 is continued in this budget. It'll be worth 220 million this year to the corporations. It's interesting to note that if the budget had increased corporation taxes by only 1% -- and still left them the lowest in Canada -- there would have been no need for cuts in health care and social services. The treasurer said this was a buoyant segment of the economy. It could stand such an increase and save the added health taxes.

Payments to municipalities were held at 7.8% -- far below

what's needed to meet inflation. This along with the social and family services cut-backs -- will mean an increase of about 20% in municipal taxes. The fact is the province is reducing its deficit by loading more burden on the homeowner and tenant.

What's becoming clear is that the government is exercising "restraint" this year to make up for its wild spending spree before the 1975 election. The average yearly deficit runs about 12% of general revenue. In 1971 and again in 1975 -- both election years -- it jumped to 20%. Last year that deficit was almost two billion dollars. Now, with the 1976 budget we're paying last year's bills. But we'll still have a 1.2 billion deficit for 1976!

The Legal Aid Clinic at the Yorkview office will start on May 20th and will be held every Thursday evening. Income Tax assistance is continuing through April. Mike Morrone, my Executive Assistant, and a group of volunteers will be glad to help with any problems in these areas.

Fred Young

from your alderman



KATIE HAYHURST

At a time when we face the largest property tax increase in Metro's history, suggestions for ways to cut municipal costs are welcome. Recognizing that many Canadian cities have only one garbage collection a week, some Council Members suggested reducing garbage pickups on North York residential streets to once weekly as well. The idea of saving \$600,000 by this means was not widely appreciated. Many residents phoned to complain that the inconvenience would not be worth the savings. On April 12th, Council voted to abandon the idea.

Meanwhile the North York Environmental Control Com-

mittee began to look at this suggestion from a different point of view. With the proliferation of 'non-returnables', 'disposables', 'overpackaged' and other 'wasted' materials on the market today, we were interested to see just how much garbage we were creating and what it was really costing taxpayers (that included renters!).

The results were shocking! In 1975, over one ton of garbage was produced for every person living in Metro, at a rate of 8000 tons per day. In North York alone, it cost \$4,551,200 just to collect it from residential streets. Metro paid \$13,797,500 for garbage disposal.

Almost none was recycled. It was either buried, or incinerated first, then the ashes buried to a total of 1,550,755 tons of buried garbage in some poor field in Pickering, Scarborough or Mississauga. Even when the new experimental recycling station is opened next year, only a small amount of garbage will be handled -- and at an extremely high cost.

These numbers are almost impossible for the average

person to comprehend. But there is no doubt that the amount of waste is shocking. North Americans are renowned for waste and for garbage production. The United Nations calculate that although we represent 7% of the world's population, we consume 40% of the natural resources. Many of these resources are non-renewable.

In 1974, Ontario disposed of 7,000,000 tons of garbage at \$100,000,000. Metro disposed of 160 tons a day of non-returnable pop containers. It costs \$4,000 per day to dispose of them.

These amounts did not include the high price of energy and natural resources which were wasted. Such costs cannot be measured in dollars.

Think of the benefits if each of us cut our weekly garbage in half. As Chairman of North York's Environmental Control Committee, I urge you to try it with me. For tips on how -- watch the regular Alderman's Report, Rogers Cable T.V. Channel 10, Wednesday, April 21 or 28 at 10 p.m. or Friday, April 23 or 30 at 7:30 p.m. or visit me at the D.W.I.P. Information Booth, Jane-Finch Mall, Wednesday 7:30 -- 9:00 p.m.

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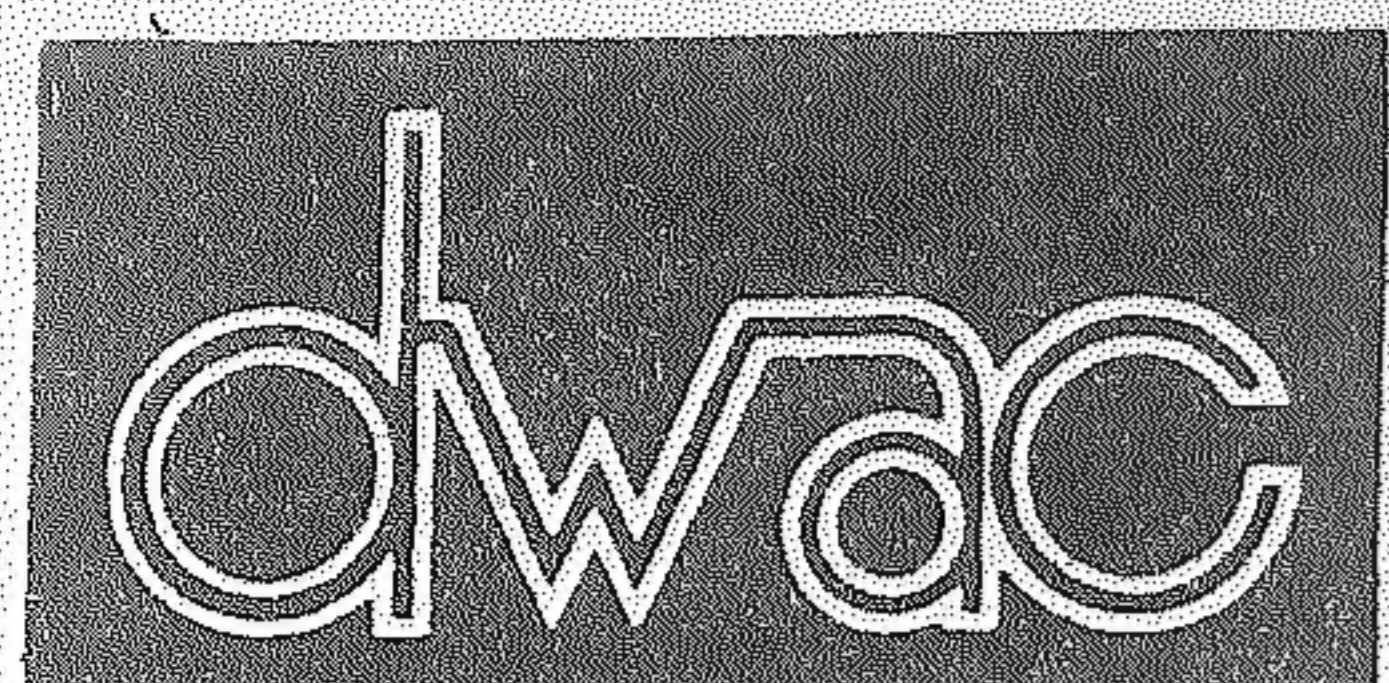
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DOWNSVIEW-WESTON ACTION COMMUNITY

Neighbourhood Action Hearings

YORKWOODS PART II.

By Cynthia Green

The Yorkwoods neighbourhood, being relatively large, was divided into two sections and the Neighbourhood Action Hearings covered the second part Tuesday evening, March 16th at Topcliff Public School. It was pointed out that 60% of the housing units in the area are high rise resulting in very dense conditions. The residents felt very strongly about allowing any more high rise buildings to be erected on the very few remaining empty parcels of land.

Of the three public schools in the area Oakdale Junior High is overcrowded, Yorkwoods Public School is close to capacity, and Topcliff Public School has less pupils than was originally planned for. As a result, Topcliff is able to serve the community by offering classroom space to special groups teaching English as a Second Language. However, the new construction going on at the North-East corner of Jane and Finch will generate an estimated 400 children to be divided between the Separate Schools and Topcliff Public School.

The organizations which are active in the community include cubs, scouts, girl-guides and brownies, four condominium associations, Yorkwoods Library, a church, and a lunch program at Topcliff Public School.

The residents expressed certain concerns regarding

their neighbourhood, one of which was the overcrowded conditions of the various schools. It was felt that the Separate School Board should erect a high school on the land on the North-West corner of Jane and Finch, on which it holds an option, instead of an elementary school.

Referring to the dense and dangerous traffic conditions which exist at the Jane and Finch intersection, one resident pointed out the particular danger represented by the three entrances and exits leading to the Mall on Finch Avenue. Apparently the original plans stated there were to be no exits onto Finch and there now are three, the most unsafe being the one immediately east of the traffic lights. It was decided to contact Alderman Katie Hayhurst to see if anything could be done.

Another concern centred around the relatively easy access youngsters in the area have to beer and liquor. Ways were discussed to have the owners and managers of stores and restaurants check the ages of their customers more carefully. The ravine presented a problem especially in the warmer weather when many drunk adults and youngsters wander around and sleep there. Complaints to the police have so far not yielded much result because they claim they do not have manpower to police the area and the ravine is also deeded to the Conser-

"No one likes me, I'm a loner, I've got no friends, I'm different, I don't fit in." These are some of the statements that I regularly hear from young people. I am a counsellor at Youth Clinical Services (The Clinic), which means that I get paid for listening to young people and trying to help them resolve their personal conflicts. As a listener I serve a useful function for those people who need someone to hear what they have to say. As a problem-solver my usefulness is sometimes questionable.

There are some problems that I am good at helping you solve. I know where to go for help with -- (1) money matters, (2) emergency housing, (3) legal problems, (4) medical concerns, (5) vocational issues, (6) school, academic problems.

I have found that I am skilled at dealing with the above straightforward issues. However, the following list of problems that I am asked to contend with have proven difficult to solve. These issues can be categorized as problems with -- (1) drugs, (2) marriage, (3) family, and (4) friends. These are examples of issues that have become

vation Authority. It was decided to write another letter to the police station in the hopes something might be done.

A great many dogs in the area also represented a problem especially when dog owners allow their pets to soil the lawns of other residents. One member of the community offered to see that a letter was circulated among the condominiums reminding residents once more to be more mindful of the property of others.

NORTHOVER

By B. Verney

There were ten people representing Northover Neighbourhood at Calico Public School on Thursday, March 4.

The Northover residents felt community services such as recreational facilities were lacking and what facilities were present were not developed to their fullest potential. Although there is a park and two schools, many of the residents felt there was "nothing for kids to do" and it appeared teenagers had to

leave the area for amusement. Two teenagers requested basketball privileges, and other educational programs at an area school. The Downsview Dells, it was expressed by one resident, could be used to accommodate a swimming pool and tennis courts. DWAC offered to write to Metro Parks suggesting the use of Metro Parkland for such facilities.

T.T.C. was under attack. Its inconsistent service along Sheppard Ave. was

especially criticized. Shelters at bus stops are needed and one resident strongly supported the introduction of one at the corner of Giltspur and Jane. An objection was raised to the proposed extension of Northover Street and the consequential increase in traffic.

In spite of the grievances mentioned, the overall atmosphere at the Northover Neighbourhood Hearing seemed to be one of general complacency and co-operation.

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HAVE A HANG UP? COME TO THE CLINIC!

By Dave Peltz

social problems. Issues that demand more than individual solutions. The breakdown of marriages and families, the lonely people, and abuse of alcohol and other drugs all have become visible symptoms of an urban society that is growing out of control. In my role as counsellor I am prepared to work with people who want to confront their loneliness; find an alternative to staying stoned; and want to find ways to communicate with their parents, brothers, sisters and spouses. I think I can be useful in helping you solve some of these problems but my usefulness is limited to those who fall into the want category. Those who want to change and are prepared to struggle to make things happen for themselves. People who are willing to take risks when it comes to the task of looking at and understanding themselves are the group of individuals that might find me useful.

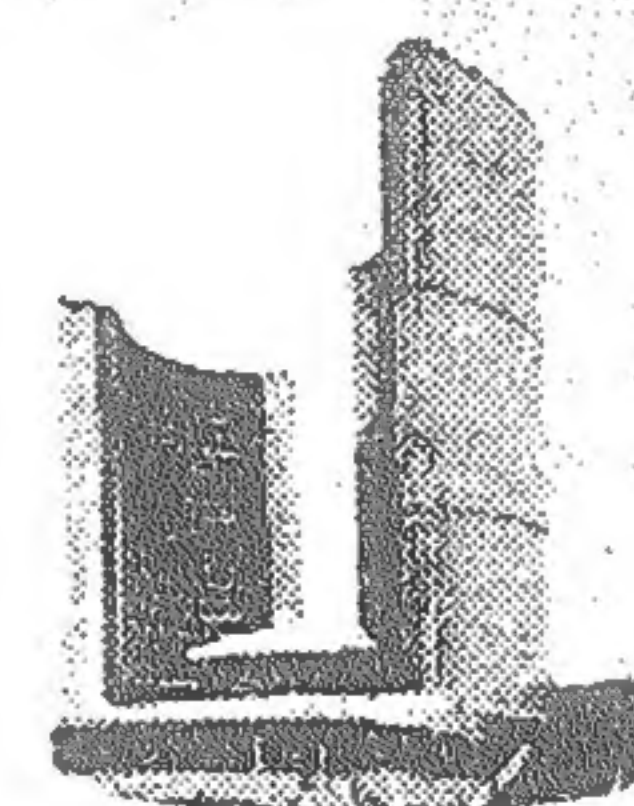
Working with people who are trying to become self-directed is a task I enjoy for I get my reward by seeing people become responsible individuals who are flexible and do respond to the ongoing changes in their lives. The one thing, in both my life and in the lives of the people I work with, that is remaining constant today, is

change. The most difficult problem that I must contend with concerns accepting changes in oneself and others and learning to appreciate the continual process of change known commonly as growing-up. Becoming self-directed means learning from our past experiences and choosing how we are going to change in the future.

One of the important services the Clinic provides is a complete birth control information service -- you can come in by yourself, or with friends, or we will come into your classroom or group to discuss all the birth control options available today. Please protect your self, we don't need any more unwanted 'statistics'.

These issues are complex for the individuals involved but they are problems that I can respond to, by calling on the resources that might be available to us.

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Topcliff Goes To Camp

By Sheena Suttaby

Last month, a group of Grade 3 boys and girls from Topcliff Elementary School went to Camp MaKeeWa, near Orangeville, accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Roger Bullock, three Youth Action Project (YAP) workers, Thom, Dusty and Gary, and one parent. I was that parent and I thought that, as Topcliff School is located in Ward 3 and as all the children concerned live in Ward 3, readers might be interested in learning a little about this project.

Although the children receive no direct teaching in any of the so-called '3 Rs' during their 3-day stay at the Camp, they more than make up for this lack in the many lessons they learn. (Of course, slip-ups in grammar or displays of discourtesy or downright ill manners were corrected as we went along). The children did nature study, map making and map reading, arts and crafts involving articles they themselves have to find -- some

very interesting and original art was produced. They also had scientific and related subjects and did their fair share of physical exercise, most by means of hikes.

In addition to educational training, the children had to run the camp. They cooked all the meals, laid the tables, served the meals and cleaned up afterwards, and had to keep their bedrooms 'inspection ready' at all times. This all involved such qualities of character as co-operating with others, planning, and a great deal of give and take. I certainly do not claim that there were no fights and attempts at dodging or that there were no tears. This was no bunch of little angels nor were they a bunch of little devils either. Like most normal children, they fell somewhere between each category but by the time we were through, I saw an enormous difference in their co-operation with each other. They did learn.

From letters written by some of the children on returning from Camp MaKeeWa, allow me to show you some

quotes: "We made spaghetti and it was messy." "Camp is fun. I would like to go again." "The only thing I hated was when I got homesick." "I fell into the creek right up to my knees." "I loved the night hikes. They were really scary." "I enjoyed it a lot because there were lots of activities." "Before lunch and supper, some people were sick. My buddy was sick." "The girls slept upstairs and the boys slept downstairs." "The teachers were nice to the children." "I liked the ladies who were in charge of us. I would like to go there again."

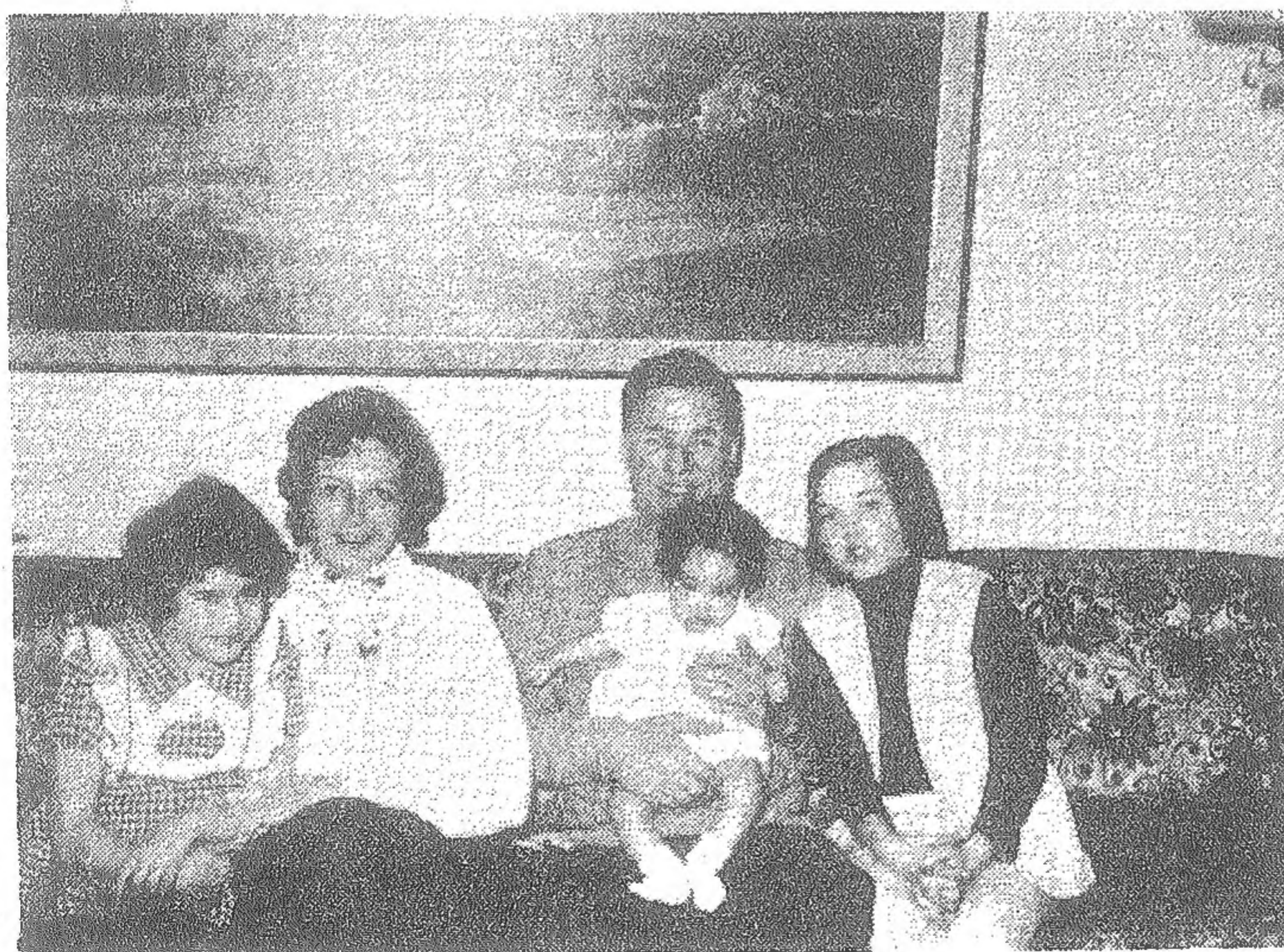
Incidentally, in case the over-burdened tax payers of Ward 3 start to worry about the costs involved in such a project, please let me reassure you. Each child or his or her parent is charged full room and board for the privilege of going to Camp MaKeeWa and I use the word 'privilege' advisedly because I don't think any of us came away from there without gaining in some way. Ask Thom or Dusty or Gary or even Roger Bullock.

A SPECIAL FAMILY: THE BERRYS

The Berrys are a special family. Lilian and Peter Berry and their three children, Glen, Kim, and Caroline, live in a very warm, comfortable home on the Downsview Armed Forces Base. What makes them so special is that, since the summer of 1974, they have been a "foster family". So far, nine children, staying from a week to 9 1/2 months, have benefited from the love and life of their home.

Glen, a 17 year old grade 12 student at C. W. Jeffreys Secondary School, is a great athlete. He supports his family wholeheartedly in their adventure and is a willing babysitter whenever he is needed. Kim, 10 years old, and Caroline, 7 years old, are two beautiful young girls whom the Berrys have adopted. This was how the Berrys made their first contact with the Children's Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Berry decided to take in their first foster child to help answer some of the questions their two daughters had about their own adoption. Lilian said, "We only intended to take one baby, but we loved it so much, we just continued. Now I'd be lost without a baby in the home."

Jody, now 4 months old, is the newest member of the Berry family. She was given to the Children's Aid Society by a young mother who felt unable to care properly for the baby. Her stay with the Berrys is certainly a real blessing for them and for her.



Lil is a very warm, generous woman with a delightful Scottish accent (she was born in Glasgow). "The most exciting time in our home," Lil says, "is when the baby arrives, a new person becomes a part of the family. It's a real adjustment, though, when after a few weeks or months the child is placed in a permanent home." But this doesn't stop the Berrys. "It's all worthwhile, really," says Lil. "When the baby goes, I think 'this is it. I can't go through this again.' But after a couple of days, I start thinking I can't live in the house without one, and I pester Children's Aid until we get one."

Born in England, Peter came to Canada approximately 20 years ago and joined the Armed Forces where he is currently working as a contract manager. He is never home for more than five

minutes before he has greeted the foster baby. He has that special touch that can make almost any baby wiggle and giggle with pleasure.

The Berrys expressed strong appreciation for all the support they've received in fostering. The Children's Aid Society has been a tremendous help as has the Foster Parent Association and their friends. In spite of this outside help, they have also been able to maintain the degree of independence with which they feel most comfortable. All the help or encouragement they want is there when they need it.

The Metropolitan Toronto Children's Aid Society has an ongoing need for more families who can share their home with a child. Foster homes are needed for children of all ages. Inquiries are invited. Please call Ron Naundorf at 221-1161.

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Block Parent Plan

By Barb Datlen

Since 1968, Block Parent Plans have slowly spread throughout south-western Ontario and to Ottawa and Edmonton. There are now three Block Parent Plans running in and around Metro Toronto, namely in Bolton, the Beaches and the Sheppard, Woodbine, Finch and Victoria Park areas. Now some residents of University City are considering such a program.

What is a Block Parent Plan?

Essentially a Block Parent Plan is a means of supplying

a safe haven for children and teenagers at all times in case of emergency. A Block Parent displays a sign in a front window showing that that home can be used in an emergency such as accident or sudden illness, bullies, vicious dogs and alarming strangers. When a Block Parent is out of the house, the sign is removed. The main purpose of the Block Parent Plan is to discourage troublemakers from entering school grounds and neighbouring residential areas. It has been found that the actual presence of Block Parent signs is a deterrent factor in itself.

What should the Block Parent do if a child comes to him in need?

In emergencies involving child molesters, the Block Parent would call the police and parents while offering protection to the child. In emergencies involving physical injury or illness, the Block Parent is advised to contact the child's parents. If a parent is unavailable, the Block Parent will then contact the Police Department or ambulance if needed. Block Parents are given a list of emergency numbers and instructions along with the window sign. The Block Parent is not allowed to give first aid (except to control severe bleeding or restore breathing), provide toilet

facilities or give food or drink to a child.

A Block Parent has no legal status except his or her natural status as a private citizen. They are simply volunteers who have agreed to act as sensible, responsible adults in an emergency involving the children of their community.

The need for protection for our children is becoming more pressing as reports of child molesters and violence towards children have increased at an alarming rate. If you are interested in having such a plan in your neighbourhood, please call Mrs. Haddad at 661-2917 after 4 p.m. or write to the Jane Corridor P.O. Box 2331, Station C., Downsview.

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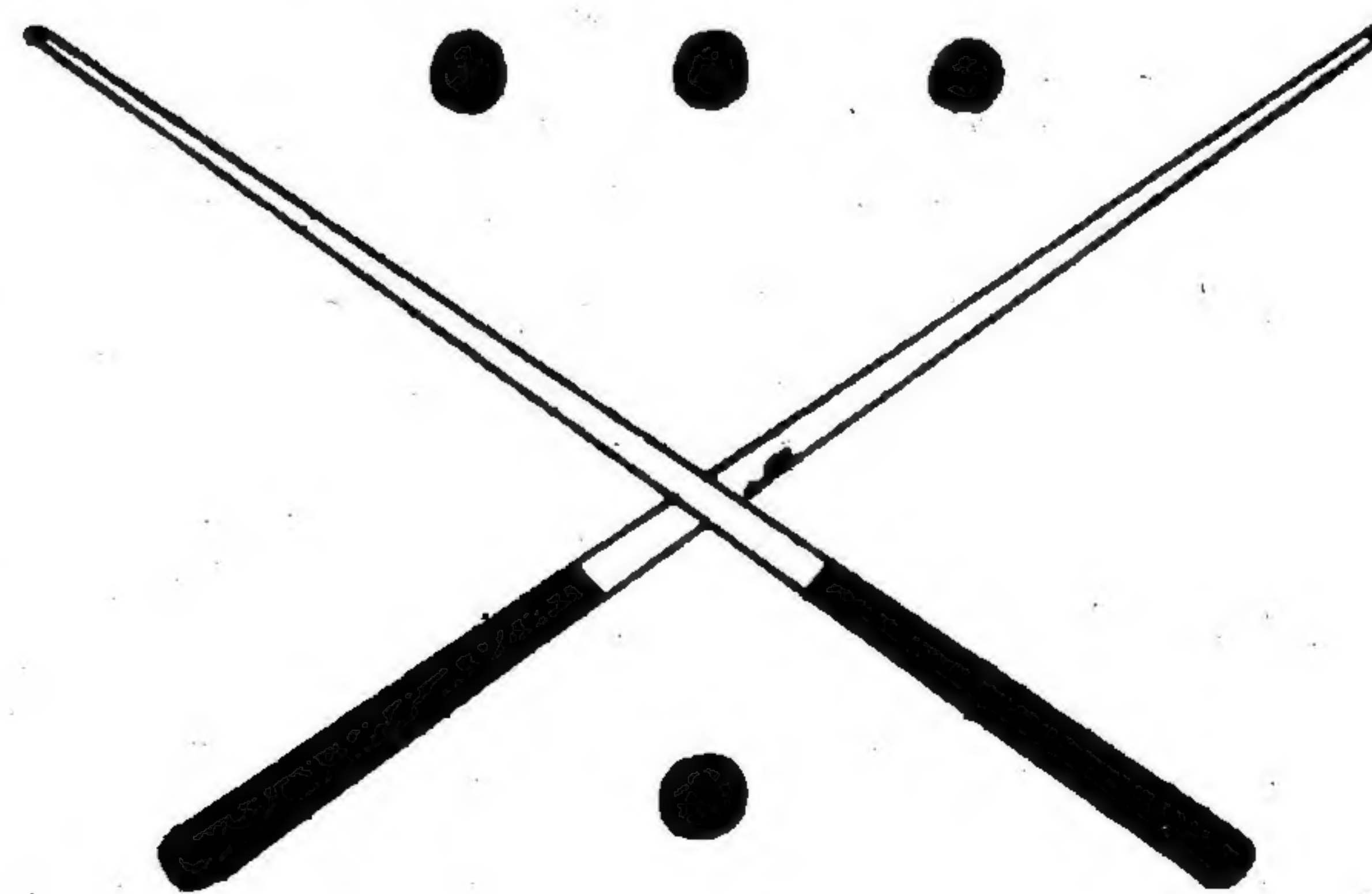
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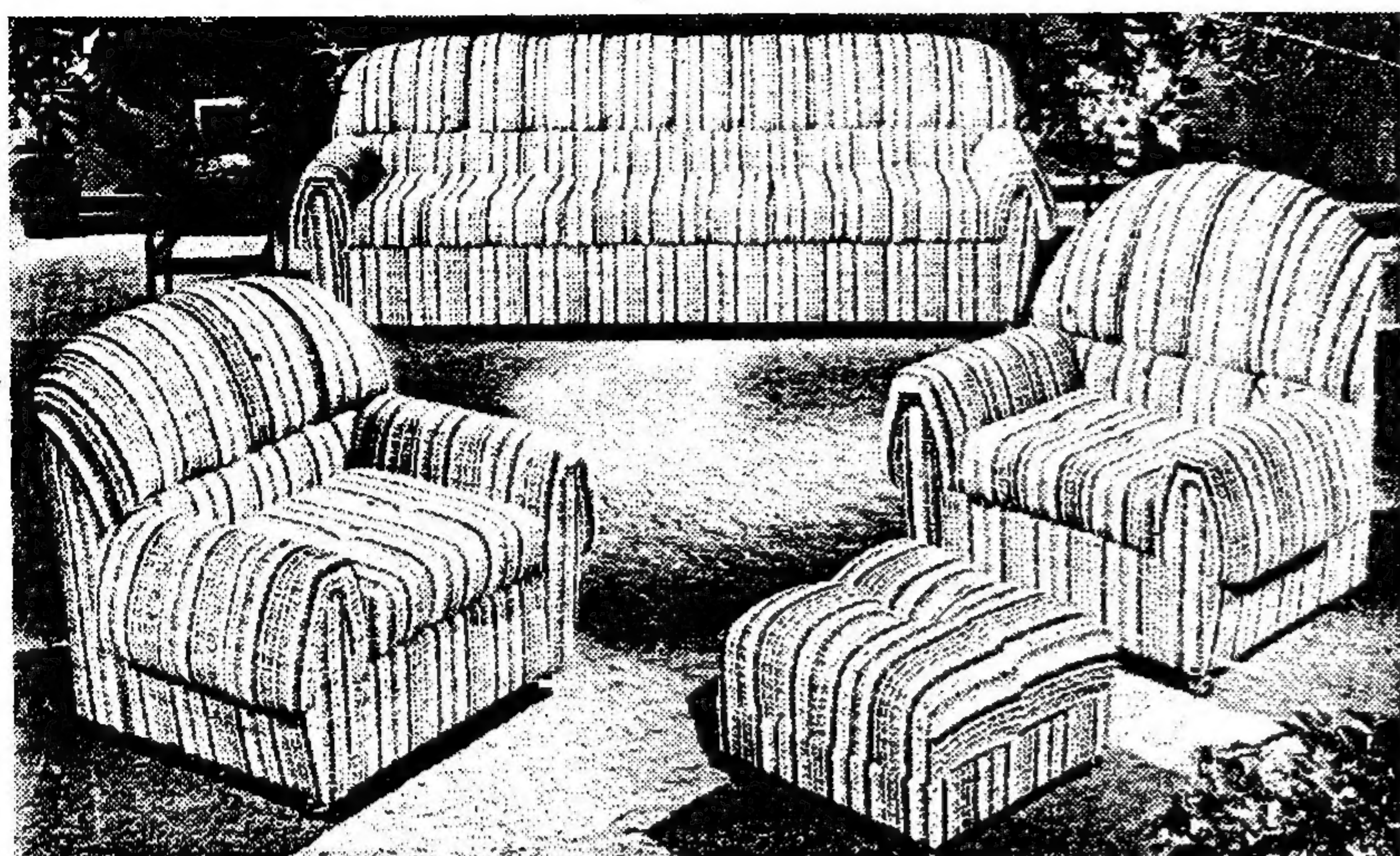
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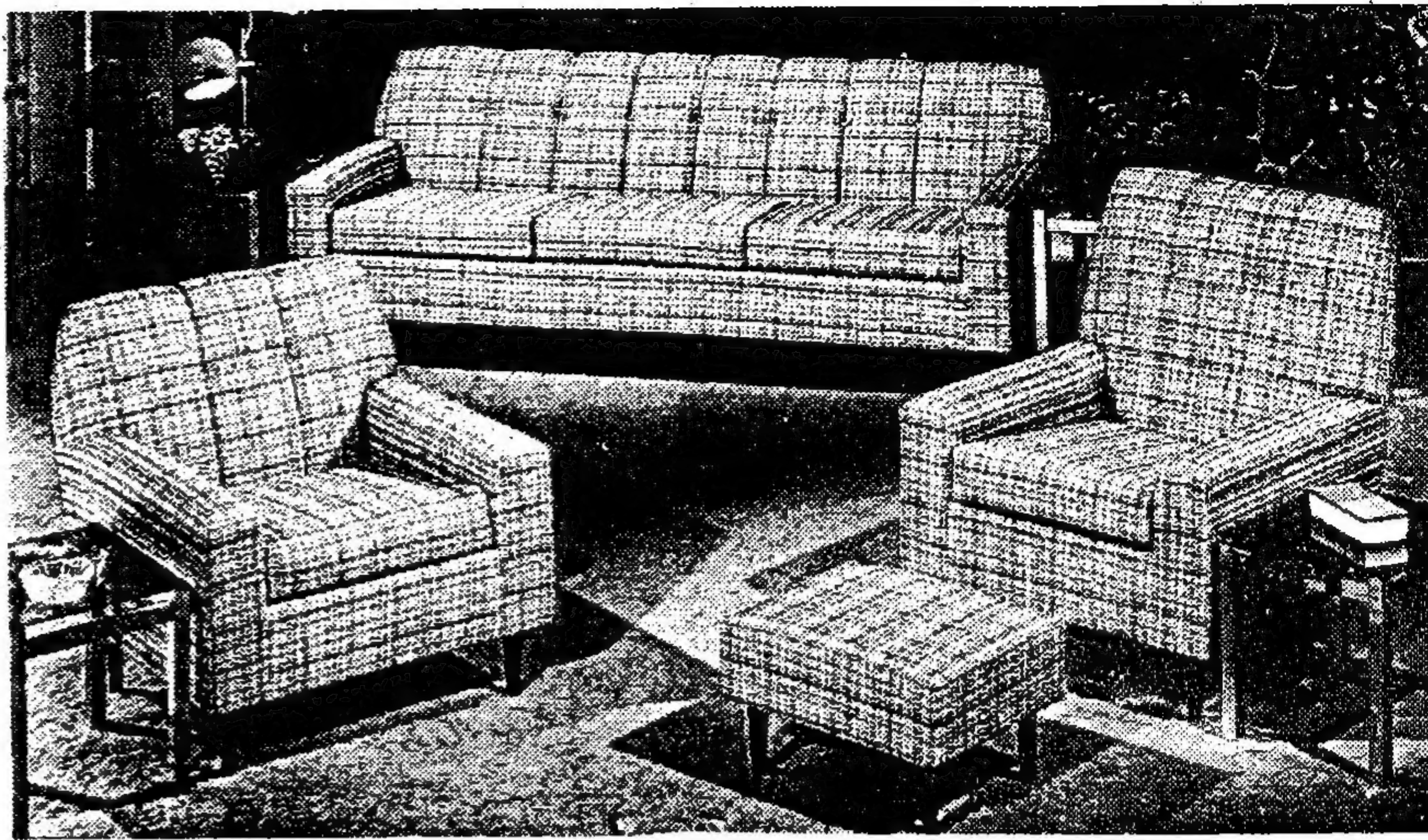
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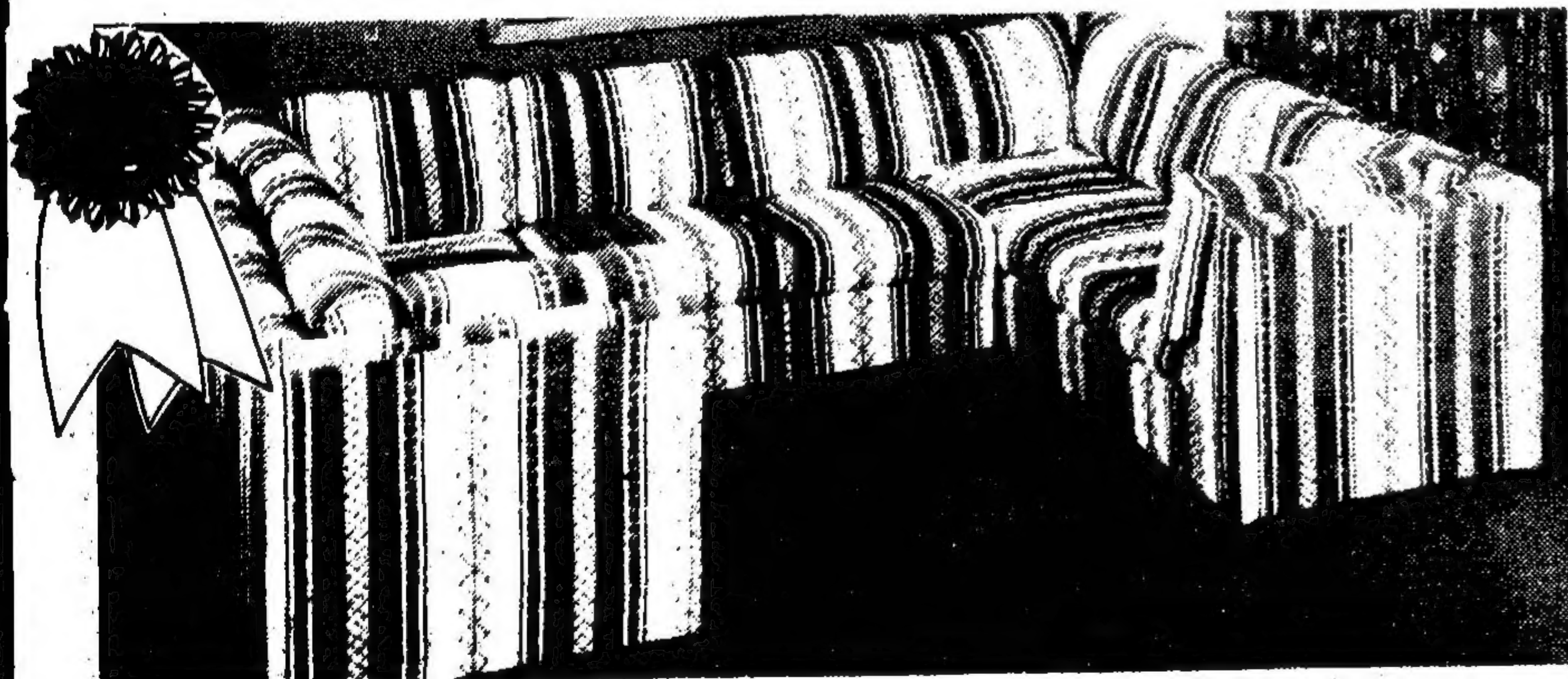
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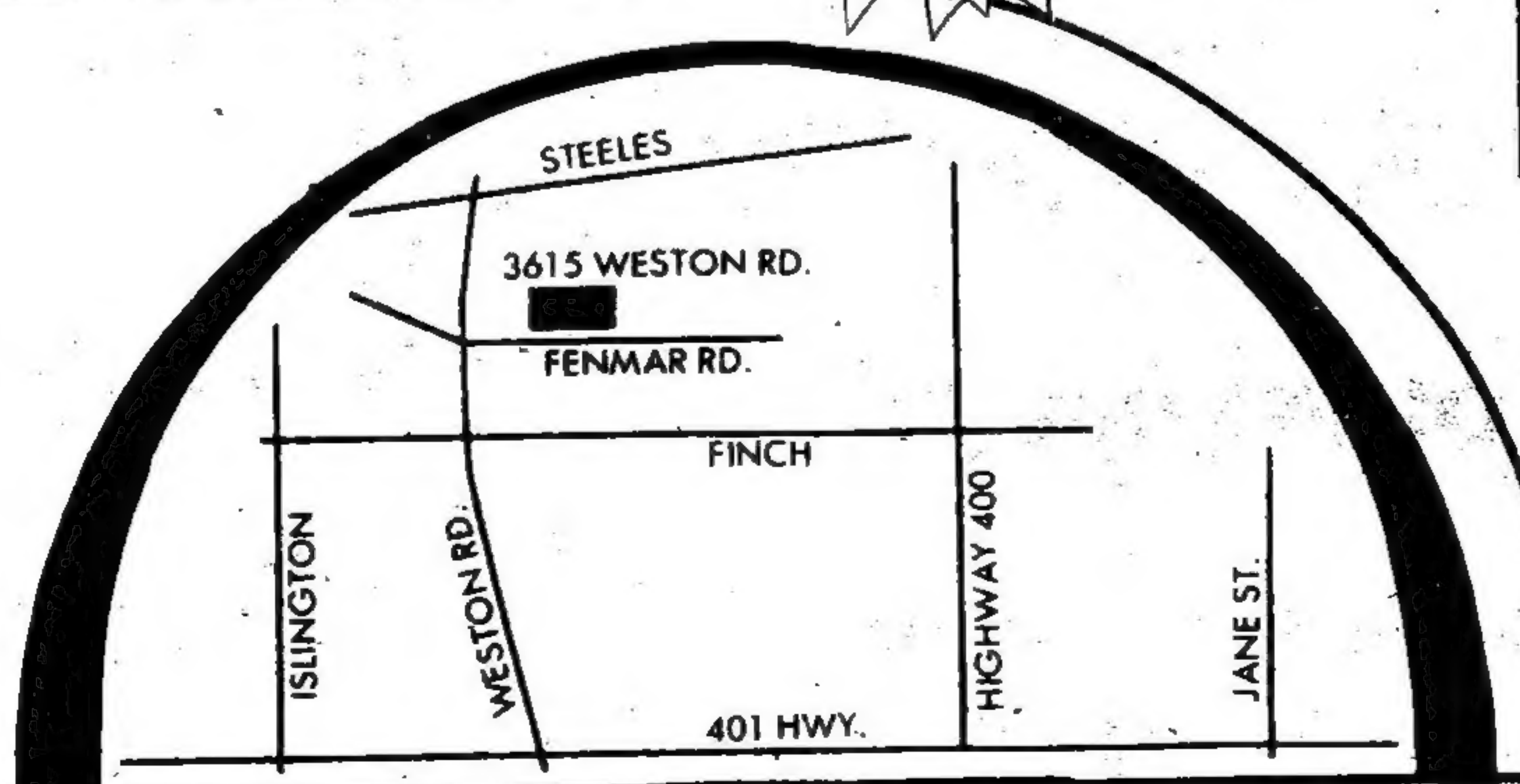
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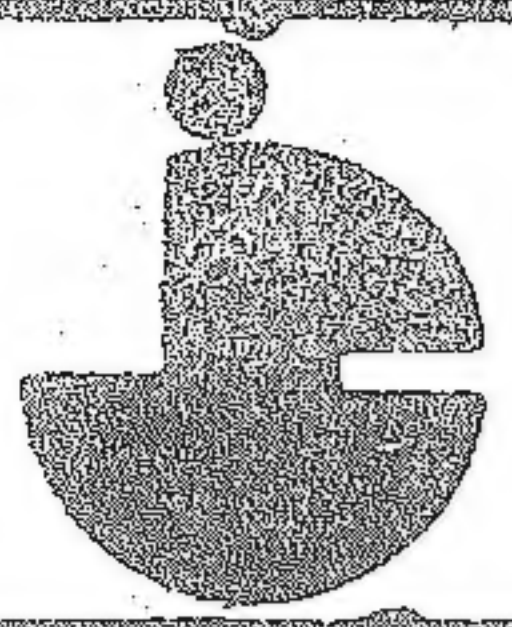
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Seduta di Northover Neighbourhood

a cura di B. Verney

C'erano dieci persone che rappresentavano Northover Neighbourhood a Calico Public School, giovedì, 4 marzo, che intendevano esprimere le loro opinioni e contribuire al prossimo controllo del Piano del District 10. Helen Ede e Cheri Wrigley del DWAC erano presenti per compilare una lista delle strutture attuali e dare idee per il miglioramento del quartiere.

I residenti di Northover hanno sentito la mancanza dei servizi nella comunita', come strutture ricreative, e che quelle che esistevano non sono state sviluppate nel loro piano potenziale. Nonostante, esistano un parco e due scuole, molti residenti credono che ci sia "niente da fare" per i bambini, e sembra che i "teenagers" devono lasciare la zona per divertirsi. Due ragazzi hanno richiesto attrezzature per palla a

canestro, e altri programmi educativi a scuola. Un residente ha suggerito che i Downsview Dells accomodassero una piscina e dei campi da tennis. DWAC ha offerto di scrivere a Metro Parks suggerendo l'uso di terra del dipartimento dei parchi per tali accomodazioni.

La T.T.C. e' stata messa sotto fuoco. Il servizio inconsistente Lungo Sheppard Avenue e' stato criticato in modo particolare. Rifugi alle fermate sono necessari e un residente ha sostenuto con forza l'introduzione d'un rifugio al angolo di Giltspur e Jane. E' stata mossa una obiezione all'estensione proposta per Northover Street e l'aumento di traffico conseguente.

Nonostante le lamentele menzionate, l'atmosfera prevelante alla seduta di Northover Neighbourhood sembrava essere generalmente compiacente e cooperativa.

Assemblea pubblica per il 5 maggio

Continua la lotta popolare per la zona di Jane e Finch

Un gruppo di cittadini del Ward 3 ha tenuto una riunione il 24 aprile per prendere visione del "Klein and Sears Report" e per discutere sulle alternative da proporre allo sviluppo della zona a nord ovest di Jane e Finch indicato nel rapporto.

Le proposte verranno presentate nel corso di

un'assemblea pubblica che si terra' mercoledì 5 maggio alle 8 p.m. presso la Yorkwoods Public Library.

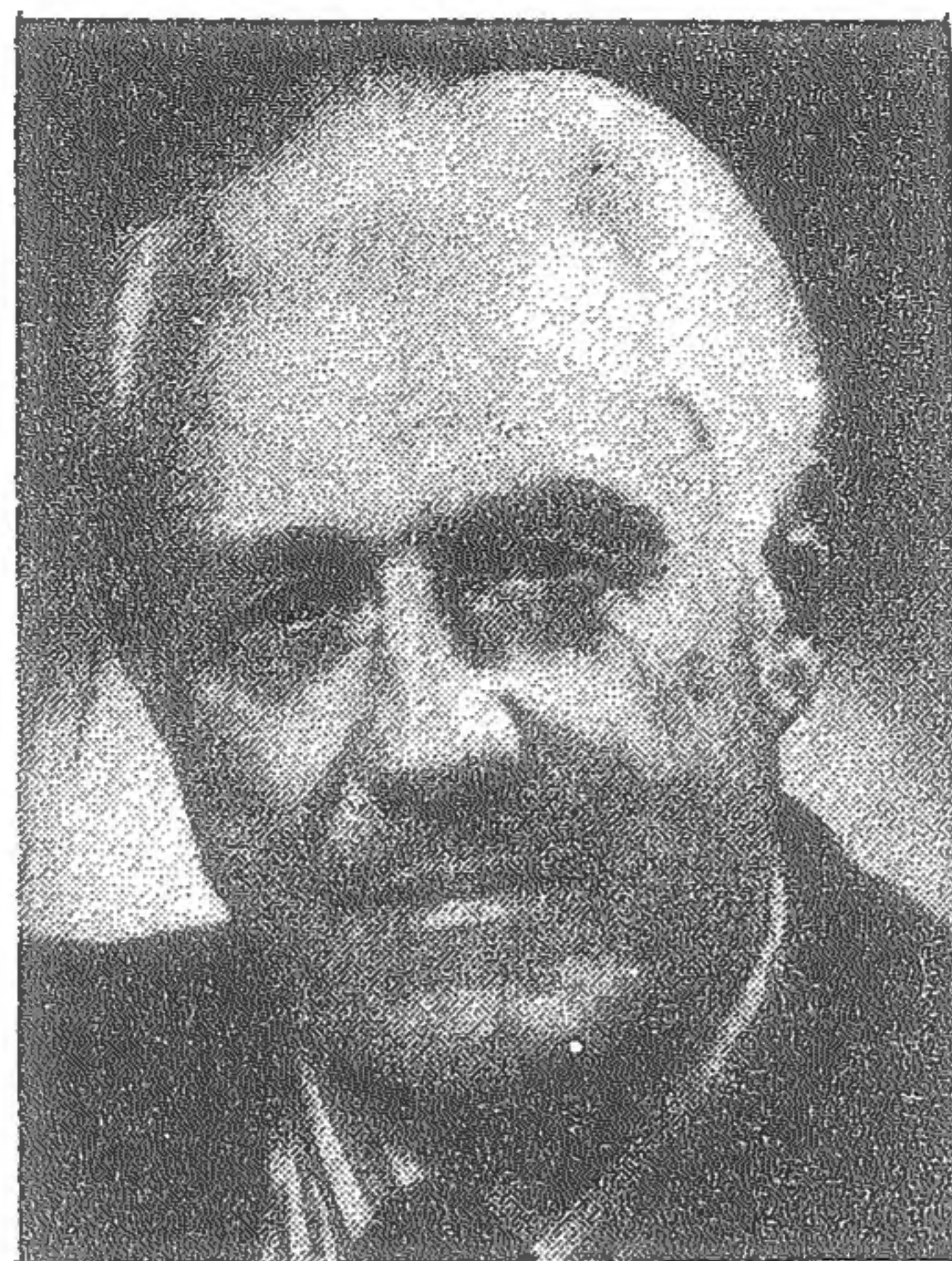
Per opporsi alla costruzione dei sei grattacieli e' necessario presentare un piano unitario appoggiato dalla comunita'.

L'assemblea civica sara' tenuta in vista della seduta ufficiale del "North York Planning Board" (Com-

missione Urbanistica) prevista per la fine di maggio.

Nel corso della seduta, la commissione urbanistica esaminerà la richiesta del DWCA Urban Planning Group per ottenere una variazione al piano urbanistico del distretto 10 ed in particolare la diminuzione dell'indice di costruzione nella zona nord-ovest di Jane e Finch.

Il bilancia dell'Ontario — stile 1976



Fred Young,
M.P.P. Yorkview

Se fumate sigarette contribuirete 50 milioni in piu' agli incassi provinciali quest'anno. Se fumate sigari e pipe -- come il Primo Ministro dell'Ontario ed il Tesoriere -- allora non sarete affetti dall'aumento. L'acool che berrete apportera' un incasso di 50 milioni al bilancio provinciale e 20 milioni verranno dall'aumento di tasse sui vostri pagamenti sulle assicurazioni.

Purtroppo il vero raccolto verra' dai servizi sanitari. Pagamenti per OHIP aumenteranno di \$60 all'anno per singoli e \$120 per famiglie. Le nuove tariffe dell'OHIP per cio' saranno di \$192 per persone singole e \$384 per famiglie -- le cifre piu' alte in tutto il Canada. Attualmente, sei province pagano i servizi sanitari con le entrate generali della provincia e non applicano premi di assicurazione ai cittadini.

Quadro qualcuno viene ricoverato in ospedale

paghera' \$11 in piu' al giorno per una stanza semi-private e \$22 per una stanza privata. Questa cifra e' molto di piu' di quel che paga l'OHIP. I negozianti avranno le tasse ridotte di 30 milioni, e i piu' poveri e gli anziani pagheranno meno per i servizi sanitari.

Le esenzioni sulle macchine di produzione, che hanno fatto risparmiare 200 milioni nel 1975 alle grandi ditte vengono mantenute in questo bilancio. Le esenzioni aumentano a 220 milioni per le corporazioni. E' interessante notare se il bilancio avesse aumentato le tasse sulle corporazioni di solo 1% -- nello stesso tempo lasciando al livello piu' basso in Canada -- non ci sarebbe stato bisogno di tagli nei servizi sanitari e sociali. Il ministro del Tesoro ha detto che questo e' il settore piu' fiorente dell'economia. Percio' avrebbe potuto sostenere un aumento dell'1% e risparmiare l'aumento di tasse per l'assicurazione sanitaria.

I contributi ai comuni sono stati tenuti al 7.8% molto al di sotto del livello necessario per far fronte all'inflazione. Questo, unitamente con le riduzioni nei servizi sociali apportera' un aumento del 20% delle tasse municipali. Il fatto e' che la Provincia sta riducendo il proprio deficit facendo ricadere piu' peso sui proprietari di case e sugli affittuari del 1975.

Il debito medio annuale e' di circa il 12% delle entrate generali. Nel 1971 e nel 1975 -- tutti e due anni di elezioni -- il debito e' salito al 20%. L'anno scorso il deficit fu di circa due miliardi di dollari. Ora con il bilancio del 1976 stiamo pagando il conto dell'anno scorso.

L'aiuto legale all'ufficio di Yorkview avra' inizio il 20 MAGGIO, OGNI GIOVEDI' SERA. L'assistenza per l'incom tax funzionera' fino alla fine di Aprile. Mike Morrone, il mio Assistente ed un gruppo di volontari saranno felici di aiutarvi.

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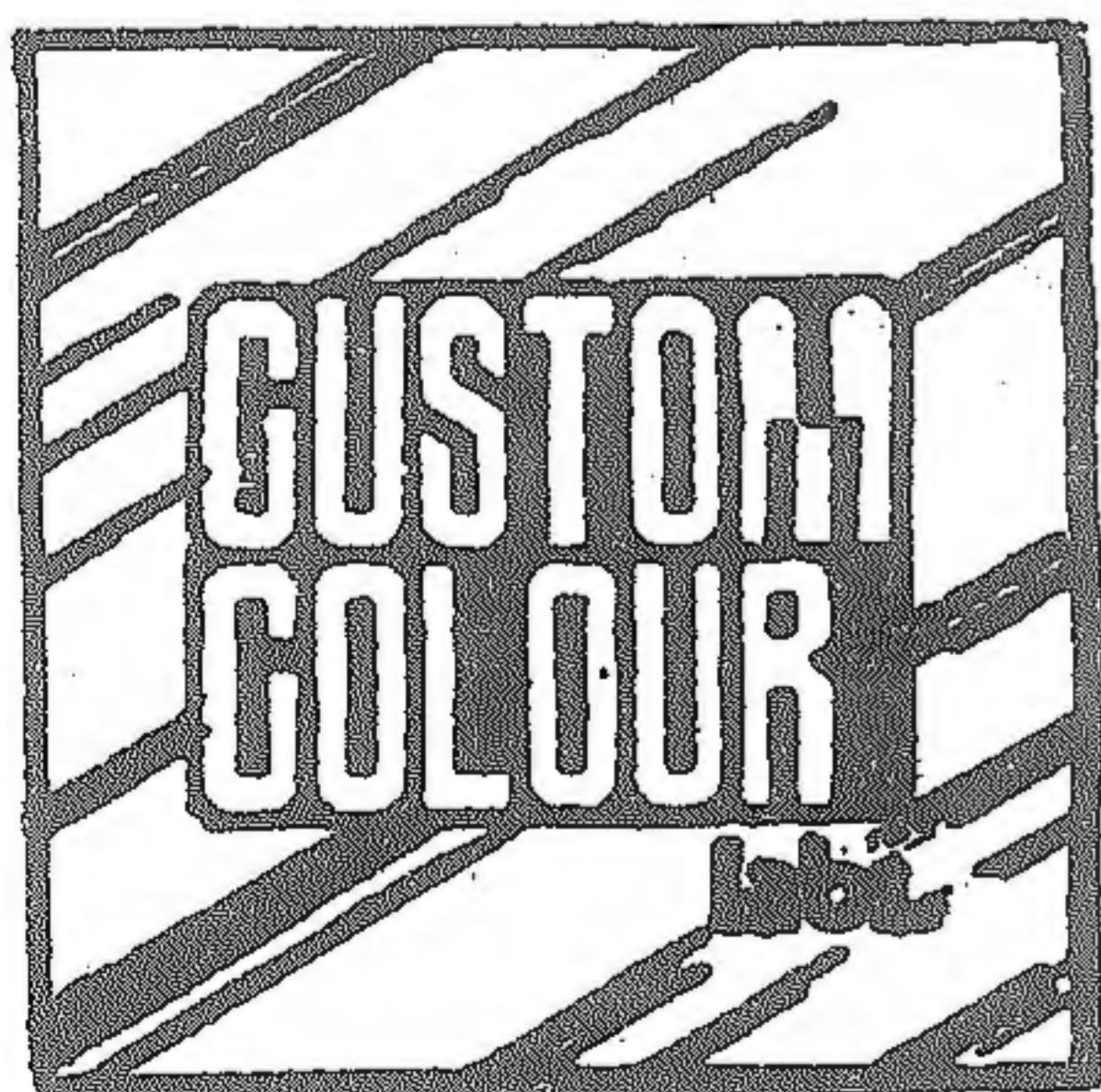
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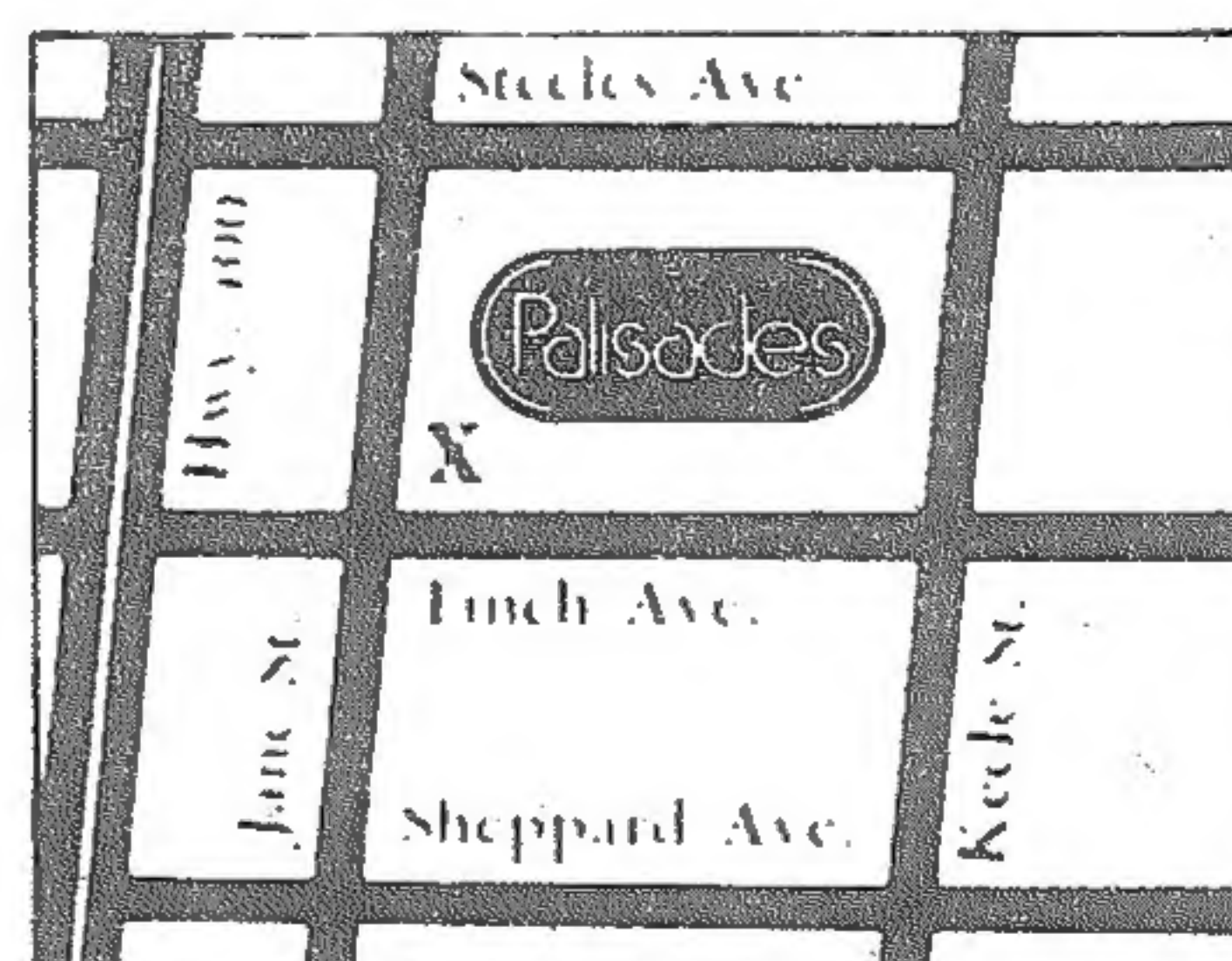
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